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Claim 3 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that]

wherein the adhesive tape (1) is 15-75 mm wide[, especially 19-30 mm wide].

Claim 4 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that]

wherein the paper support (2) is creped, stretchable and flexible and has good paint adhesion, and the entire adhesive tape (1) has a thickness of 100-250 μm [, especially 130-200 μm].

Claim 5 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that]

wherein the masking paper (5) is an unbleached kraft paper of 30-40 g/m² and a width of [especially] 15-50 cm[, very especially 20-40 cm].

Claim 6 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that]

wherein the masking film (6) is a polyolefin film 7-40[, especially 8-20] μm thick, [especially of polyolefin, especially polyethylene, and especially] which is corona pretreated, [whose width amounts especially to] and is 0.5-2 m wide.

Claim 7 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that]

wherein the masking film (6) is folded [extensibly, especially] according to the dimensions of the masking paper (5) and is folded against the latter accordion-wise.

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Claim 8 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the marginal area (4) of the self-adhesive composition (3) to which the masking paper (5) adheres, is 1-5[, especially 2-4] mm wide.

Claim 9 (amended). Masking strip according to Claim 1, [characterized in that it is] wound into a roll, the masking film (6) being folded and the length of the roll corresponding approximately to the width of the masking paper (5) plus the width of the adhesive tape (1).

Claim 10, please cancel.

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-- 11. A method for painting an automobile, wherein parts of the automobile are not to be painted, which comprises masking parts of said automobile which are not to be painted with a masking strip according to Claim 1.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to conform the claims to conventional format.